

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 2 as follows:

Q, A possible drawback of the above architecture, as in the conventional PSTN, is widespread network congestion under mass-calling situations. In this context a mass calling situation will exist when a particular number of ~~or~~ geographic areas receive ~~area receives~~ an excessive number of calls within a short time frame. While the dynamic nature of the routing architecture makes efficient use of transport resources and is highly adaptable, it makes application of conventional manual mass calling controls more difficult, and if not addressed, mass calling has the potential to create network congestion at an accelerated rate.